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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications

SUBJECT: Selected USSR Serial Publications Held by Procurement Committee Member Agencies

1. The lists of USSR journal holdings submitted by State, ACSI, ONI, AFM, NSA, USIA, and CIA have been reviewed and compared with the USSR journal holdings of the Library of Congress. Nearly all of the journal titles cited by the USIB repositories are held by IC, and in most instances the IC holdings are of much greater depth than those of any USIB collection.

2. Since IC's holdings of USSR publications serve a wide variety of interests in and outside of the government, we believe that, with certain exceptions, the information embodied in each USIB holdings list should be made available to IC so that arrangements can be made with the appropriate USIB member to borrow or photocopy needed items. The Checklist of CIA holdings of USSR journals has already been made available for this purpose.

3. A small number of titles should not be included in the above procedure. These are journals whose receipt, or information concerning whose availability is classified. Even though some issues of these same titles are held by IC, it is felt inadvisable to announce for general IC use the USIB holdings of the titles in the attached list.

RECOMMENDATION: That each PROCIB agency which submitted a holdings report concur in the release of its holdings list to IC or specify exceptions thereto by 1 August 1959.

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Chairman, Committee on Procurement
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